

SENATE BILL 1716
By Person, Curtis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,
relative to health care providers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-109, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(2) of that section in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-116, is amended by deleting that section in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-102, is amended by inserting the following as a new subdivision (3) thereto:

(3) "Title" means the recognized abbreviation designation immediately following the person's name indicating the professional license or certification held by such person.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

A person licensed or certified by this chapter must use such person's title as defined in § 63-1-102 on any written or printed professional identification, including but not limited to a sign, pamphlet, stationery, letterhead, or any type of advertisement.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

Consistent with this act and their respective practice acts, the boards of the respective branches of the healing arts are hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the provisions of title 4, chapter 5, which establish

sanctions for violations of this chapter by members of the professions they regulate. Such sanctions may include civil penalties, suspension or revocation of license.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

Consistent with this act and their respective practice acts, the boards of the respective branches of the healing arts are hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the provisions of title 4, chapter 5, consistent with this act and their respective practice acts to regulate the nature, manner, content, and extent of advertising by practitioners of such healing arts who are under the jurisdiction of such boards, including advertising pertaining to board certification and specialty.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.